

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND  
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO  
RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO  
RICO, et al.

Debtors

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

**APPLICATION AND ORDER FOR ADMISSION  
PRO HAC VICE OF HOWARD C. NIELSON, JR.**

Comes now, Howard C. Nielson, Jr., applicant herein and respectfully states:

1. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of Cooper & Kirk, PLLC, with offices at:

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Email: hneilson@cooperkirk.com

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2. Applicant will sign all pleadings with the name Howard C. Nielson, Jr.

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named firm by José F. Rodríguez Perelló, Fideicomiso Plaza and the following institutional holders of the COFINA senior bonds: Aristeia Capital, LLC; GoldenTree Asset Management LP (on behalf of its participating clients; Canyon Capital Advisors LLC (on behalf of its participating clients); Cyrus Capital Partners, LP (on behalf of its participating clients); Decagon Holdings 1, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 2, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 3, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 4, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 5, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 6, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 7, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 8, L.L.C.;

Decagon Holdings 9, L.L.C.; Decagon Holdings 10, L.L.C.; Scoggin Management LP (on behalf of its participating clients); Tilden Park Capital Management LP (on behalf of its participating clients); Taconic Capital Advisors, L.P.; Whitebox Advisors LLC (on behalf of its participating clients) (collectively, the “COFINA Senior Bondholders’ Coalition”), to provide legal representation in connection with the above-styled matter now pending before the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

4. Since 2001, applicant has been and presently is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia, where applicant regularly practices law. Applicant’s bar license number is 473018.

5. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts:

<b>Court</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>	<b>Bar Number</b>
Utah Supreme Court & bar	06/23/00	8715
District of Columbia	06/04/01	473018
District of Utah Bankruptcy Court	06/14/11	N/A
U.S. District Court for:		
District of Utah	06/14/11	N/A
District of Columbia	07/07/14	473018
Court of Federal Claims	07/25/14	N/A
U.S. Court of Appeals:		
Fourth Circuit	02/14/06	N/A
Fifth Circuit	03/06/09	N/A
Sixth Circuit	11/17/11	N/A
Ninth Circuit	10/22/09	N/A
Tenth Circuit	08/13/14	N/A
Federal Circuit	08/17/07	N/A
District of Columbia	02/18/14	N/A
United States Supreme Court	01/09/12	281932

6. Applicant is a member in good standing of the bars of the courts listed in paragraph 5.

7. Applicant is not currently suspended from the practice of law before any court or

jurisdiction.

8. Applicant is not currently the subject of any complaint for unethical conduct, disciplinary proceedings or criminal charges before any court or jurisdiction.

9. During the past three years, applicant has not filed for pro hac vice admission in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico to the applicant's best knowledge.

10. Local Counsel of record associated with applicant in this matter is:

Rafael Escalera-Rodríguez  
USDC-PR No. 122609  
Sylvia M. Arizmendi  
USDC-PR No. 210714  
Carlos R. Rivera Ortiz  
USDC-PR No. 303409  
Gustavo A. Pabón Rico  
USDC-PR No. 231207  
Zarel J. Soto-Acabá  
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11. Applicant has read the local rules of this court and will comply with same.

12. Applicant has read Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico which provide in part that attorneys appearing pro hac vice must comply with the provisions set forth therein and pay an admission fee of \$300.00 per appearance in each new case before the Court. Accordingly, payment of the pro hac vice admission fee will be made through the CM/ECF system.

WHEREFORE, applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico for the above-styled case only.

Date:

/s/ Howard C. Nielson, Jr.  
Howard C. Nielson, Jr.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, pursuant to Local Rule 83A(f), that I consent to the designation of local counsel of record for all purposes.

Date:

/s/Rafael Escalera-Rodriguez  
Rafael Escalera-Rodriguez  
USDC No. 122609

/s/ Sylvia M. Arizmendi  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all attorneys of record and will make the corresponding payment of \$300.00 *pro hac vice* admission fee through the Clerk of the Court .

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

/s/Zarel J. Soto-Acabá  
USDC No. 231913

ORDER

The Court, having considered the above Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice, orders that:

- ☐ the application be granted. The Clerk of Court shall deposit the admission fee to the account of Non-Appropriated Funds of this Court.
- ☐ the application be denied. The Clerk of Court shall return the admission fee to the applicant.

SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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**U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE**